

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Public Health Modernization Funding Workgroup Minutes

July 18, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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Meeting objectives:

- Hear update on 2023-25 public health modernization funding and current planning for funding to CBOs
- Revisit workgroup work plan to support 2023-25 funding
- Begin discussion on equitable strategies and benchmarks for funding to CBOs
- Discuss feedback provided on CBO Request for Grant Application (RFGA) checklist and foundational questions for collaborations

Welcome, introductions & agenda review

Group agreements

- Reviewed agreed upon group agreements
- Reviewed work group objectives & topics
- Reviewed timeline and feedback process review

Public health modernization funding for 2023 – 25

- New legislative investments for the 2023-25 biennium are \$50 million, bringing the total available funding for public health modernization to slightly more than \$110 million.
 - OHA provides bridge funding to LPHA, Tribes and CBOs while the new budget is implemented. Provides funding at the level

received during previous biennium to provide ongoing services while new agency budgets are implemented.

- Some OHA programs that participated in the CBO Public Health Equity program in 2021-23 will not continue in the 2023-25 biennium.
 - Screenwise was funding one CBO and does not have funding for 2023-25.
 - Overdose prevention does not have funds for 2023-25 but working with commercial tobacco prevention to continue work for the funded project
 - HIV funding slowly transitioning out at the end of the year. No funding for next biennium
 - Adolescent and School Health funding to CBOs through June 2024.
 - Commercial tobacco prevention is assessing funding amount for 2023-25 biennium.
- Next steps for CBO PH Equity Grant
 - Finalize RFGA
 - Launch RFGA
 - Review Bridge period budgets/workplans
 - Corrective action follow-up
 - Review activity/expense reports
 - Finalize next biennium award amounts for CBOs
 - Select new CBOs for next biennium awards
 - Send CBO award emails
 - Review budget/workplans

Strategies and benchmarks to ensure equitable funding strategies

- Recommendation from the 2022 set aside funding workgroup
 - Recognized gaps in CBO coverage with initial funding to CBOs. OHA & LPHAs developed an initial approach to begin to close gaps
 - Developed process for prioritizing and allocating up to \$25k to CBOs to cover population and geographical gaps
 - Developed methodology for identifying underserved regions & counties

- Developed CBO application re-review strategy & outreach strategy
- Public Health Modernization funding formula
 - Designed for LPHAs
 - Calculates allocations based on county population and rank of specific county on certain indicators that are weighted
- Indicators (weight):
 - Burden of disease: premature death (5%)
 - Health status: quality of life (5%)
 - Racial and ethnic diversity: % of population not categorized as “white alone” (18%)
 - Poverty: % of population below 150% FPL (18%)
 - Education: % of population age 25 years+ with less than high school graduation education level (18%)
 - Limited English proficiency: % of population age 5 years+ that speaks English less than “very well” (18%)
 - Rurality: % of population living in rural area (18%)

Public Comment

- No public comment

Next Meeting agenda

Next meeting July 31, 2023 at 2:30 pm